

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and Greece share a common bond of friendship based on our shared principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, our Greek American community enriches our economic and cultural development through its many contributions to science, technology, medicine, government, economics, architecture, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the annual March 25th celebration of Greek Independence Day provides an opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to recognize our Greek American community for its positive impact on our economy, culture, and history; and

WHEREAS, March 25, 2005, marks the 184th anniversary of Greece's independence as a modern state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2005, as

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor Greek Americans in the Palmetto State for their many contributions to our economy, culture, and history, while celebrating the common bond of democracy shared by the United States and Greece.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA